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Identical letters dated 3 August 2011 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a complaint against Israeli enemy forces which, on 1 August 2011, violated Lebanese territorial integrity (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as an official document of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

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At precisely 6.30 on Monday, 1 August 2011, a patrol comprising eight troops of the Israeli occupation forces carrying a video camera crossed the Wazzani River (Blue Line) at UTM coordinates Q744307-N683260, in the vicinity of the Wazzani Falls resort on the river's west bank, penetrating some 15 metres into Lebanese territory.

Responding to this clear violation of Lebanese sovereignty and Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), the Lebanese Army fired warning shots inside Lebanese territory, but not towards the Israeli enemy patrol.

As a result of that action, the enemy troops crossed to the river's east bank. At 7.15 of that same day, having completed their withdrawal behind the technical fence, the Israeli enemy opened fire for 10 minutes using small and medium weapons and grenade launchers against Lebanese Army troops at the Maysat position in the Wazzani area and the surrounding area.

A Lebanese Army soldier was slightly injured by the Israeli enemy army gunfire, and the water tanks at the Lebanese Army position were hit by medium-calibre bullets.

This action is a clear violation of Lebanese sovereignty, Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and constitutes a threat to international peace and security.